

The Senate Rules Committee offered the following substitute to SR 202:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, state laws governing physician oversight of physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses are complex and difficult to navigate in the practice environment; and

WHEREAS, oversight of agreements delegating authority to physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses is governed by multiple state licensure boards; and

WHEREAS, the evolving practice environment makes piecemeal approaches to revisions to state laws regarding such physician oversight difficult to implement; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to evaluate current state laws, as well as proposed legislation to revise such laws, relating to physician oversight of physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to determine how such physician oversight could be simplified and streamlined to navigate in the practice environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

(1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following members:

(A) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall designate one of such members as cochairperson; and

(B) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.